COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

# SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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DATE: January 26, 2009

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE FILE NO. FO2213248

FROM: ERIC B. SMITH, COMMANDER
LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING DIVISION

TO: KARYN MANNIS, CAPTAIN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT: **EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE DISPOSITION:**
**DEPUTY RAYMOND CHAVEZ #[redacted]**
**DEPUTY THOMAS BRYANT #[redacted]**
**DEPUTY [redacted] #[redacted]**
**DEPUTY [redacted]**
**DEPUTY [redacted] #[redacted]**
**TWIN TOWERS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

On September 27, 2007, as Inmate Timothy Johnson tried head-butting the mental health doctor, Deputies Raymond Chavez and Thomas Bryant forced him to the floor. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] helped subduing Inmate Johnson. Inmate Johnson sustained a fractured right orbital floor and ramus.

Mental health doctor, Dr. Arakel Davtian, was interviewing Inmate Johnson while he was secured in waist-chained handcuffs. They were sitting on opposite sides of a desk when Inmate Johnson stood up and tried to head-butt Dr. Davtian. Inmate Johnson missed the doctor, causing a computer monitor to fall. Inmate Johnson pushed the desk into Dr. Davtian, pushing him backward.

Deputies Raymond Chavez and Thomas Bryant forced Inmate Johnson to the floor, preventing his continued attack upon Dr. Davtian. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] saw Inmate Johnson trying to kick Deputies Chavez and Bryant. They helped subdue Inmate Johnson.

During the incident, Deputy Chavez injured his right hand and wrist, while Deputy Bryant was exposed to blood on his face. Inmate Johnson sustained a fracture to his right orbital floor and ramus.

On January 22, 2009, the Executive Force Review Committee convened and conducted a review regarding the facts of this case. The applicable policies that were evaluated by the committee were: MMP §§ 3-01/025.00, Use of Force; 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force; and 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards.

Concerning:

MMP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, and MMP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Deputy Raymond Chavez #[redacted] was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

MMP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, and MMP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Deputy Thomas Bryant #[redacted] was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

MMP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, and MMP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Deputy [redacted] #[redacted] was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

MMP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, and MMP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Deputy [redacted] #[redacted] was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

MMP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, and MMP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Deputy [redacted] #[redacted] was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

MMP § 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards, the Committee determined that the tactics employed by all personnel in this incident were within Department Policy.

Eric B. Smith, Commander

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**Incident Information**

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|---|---|---|---|
| URN: 007-01223-5800-144 | Date: 9/27/07 | Time: 0950 HRS | |
| Location: 450 Bauchet Street, Tower One, Module 172 | | | |
| City or Station: Los Angeles, CA. 90012 | | | |
| Bureau/Station/Facility: Twin Towers Custody Facility | | Admin. Investigation: YES ☐ NO ☒ | |
| Type of Force: Significant Force/Personal Weapon(fist)/Takedown(leg sweep) | | | |
| Deputy Injury: YES ☒ NO ☐ | Injury to right hand and wrist | Internal Affair Notified: YES ☒ NO ☐ | |
| Suspect Injury: YES ☒ NO ☐ | Rt eye injury,laceration lower lip,nose bleed | Internal Affair Roll Out: YES ☒ NO ☐ | |

**Involved Employee**

E1

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Employee # [redacted] | Last Name: Chavez | First Name: Raymond | Middle Name: A. |
| Sex: ☒ Male ☐ Female | Race: H | Unit of Assignment: TTCF | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 172 |
| Shift: ☐ EM ☒ Day ☐ PM | ☒ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty | Age: [redacted] Height: 508 | Weight: 175 |
| Medical Exam/Treatment ☒ If Admitted, Name of Hospital: | | Coroner Case # | Directed Force ☐ Significant Force ☒ |

Statement:

Statement continue: ☐

E2

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|---|---|---|---|
| Employee # [redacted] | Last Name: Bryant | First Name: Thomas | Middle Name: W. |
| Sex: ☒ Male ☐ Female | Race: W | Unit of Assignment: TTCF | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 172 |
| Shift: ☐ EM ☒ Day ☐ PM | ☐ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty | Age: [redacted] Height: 602 | Weight: 220 |
| Medical Exam/Treatment ☒ If Admitted, Name of Hospital: | | Coroner Case # | Directed Force ☐ Significant Force ☒ |

Statement:

Statement continue: ☐

**On Duty Supervisor**

| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Rank | Present | Witness to Incident |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Evers | Teresa | O. | Sgt. | YES ☐ NO ☒ | YES ☐ NO ☒ |
| | | | | | YES ☐ NO ☐ | YES ☐ NO ☐ |

**Watch Sergeant**

| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Rodriguez | Manuel | A. |

**Watch Commander**

| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Conner | Cynthia | L. |

Lt. Cynthia Conner — Watch Commander (Print Name) — Watch Commander's Signature: [signature] — Emp #: [redacted] — Date: 01/05/09

Sgt. Teresa Evers — Supervisor Completing Form: (Print Name) — Emp #: [redacted] — Copy Provided to Employee by: Sgt. Teresa Evers — Emp #: [redacted]

Captain Gregory Adams — Unit Commander (Print Name) — Unit Commander's Signature: — Emp #: — Date:

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Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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# Supervisor's Report on Use of Force
# INVOLVED EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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**Involved Employee Continuation**

E3

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|---|---|---|---|
| Employee # [redacted] | Last Name [redacted] | First Name [redacted] | Middle Name [redacted] |
| Sex: ☒ Male ☐ Female | Race: H | Unit of Assignment: TTCF | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 172 |
| Shift: ☐ EM ☒ Day ☐ PM ☒ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty | Age: [redacted] | Height: 509 | Weight: 175 |
| Medical Exam/Treatment ☐<br>If Admitted, Name of Hospital: | Coroner Case # | | Directed Force ☐<br>Significant Force ☒ |

Statement:

Statement continue: ☐

E4

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|---|---|---|---|
| Employee # [redacted] | Last Name [redacted] | First Name [redacted] | Middle Name [redacted] |
| Sex: ☒ Male ☐ Female | Race: H | Unit of Assignment: TTCF | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 172 |
| Shift: ☐ EM ☒ Day ☐ PM ☒ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty | Age: [redacted] | Height: 510 | Weight: 170 |
| Medical Exam/Treatment ☐<br>If Admitted, Name of Hospital: | Coroner Case # | | Directed Force ☐<br>Significant Force ☒ |

Statement:

Statement continue: ☐

E5

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|---|---|---|---|
| Employee # [redacted] | Last Name [redacted] | First Name [redacted] | Middle Name [redacted] |
| Sex: ☒ Male ☐ Female | Race: B | Unit of Assignment: TTCF | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 172 |
| Shift: ☐ EM ☒ Day ☐ PM ☒ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty | Age: [redacted] | Height: 509 | Weight: 170 |
| Medical Exam/Treatment ☐<br>If Admitted, Name of Hospital: | Coroner Case # | | Directed Force ☐<br>Significant Force ☒ |

Statement:

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# Supervisor's Report on Use of Force
## SUSPECT INFORMATIOI

URN: 007-01223-5800-144



**Suspect Information**

**S 1**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Last Name: Johnson | | First Name: Timothy | | | Middle Name: None | | |
| AKA Last Name: None | | First Name: | | | Middle Name: | | |
| Sex: ☒ Male ☐ Female | Race: B | Street Address: [redacted] | | City: [redacted] | | State & Zip Code: [redacted] | |
| Work Phone: [redacted] | Home Phone: [redacted] | Age: 34 | Height: 602 | D.O.B. 01-26-73 | Weight: 302 | Armed? ☐ | |
| Booking #: 9836332 | Primary Charge Code: 243(E)(1)PC | | Secondary Charge Code: 245(A)(1)PC | | Criminal History [redacted] | | |

EMT in attendance? ☐ YES ☒ NO Name: ________ Unit: ________ Phone #: ________

EMT's Statement:

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Twin Towers/Tower One Clinic Coroner Case #: ________ Mental History ☐

By Doctor: Dr. Lawrence Laughlin #[redacted] Address: TTCF Tower 1 Clinic Phone #: (213) 893-5505

Doctor's Statement: Nurse Julag-Ay #[redacted] Examined I/M Johnson. She stated I/M Johnson's right eye was closed and swollen with bluish discoloration. His right face and lips were swollen with a laceration of 0.5 cm, with bleeding on the lower lip. Bluish discolcration on the left ear observed and blood coming from the nose. No other injuries noted. I/M Johnson was evaluated by Dr. Laughlin with orders to transfer him to LCMC for further evaluation.

Under Influence: ☐ YES ☒ NO Substance: ________ Photos of Suspect's Injuries ☒ YES ☐ NO

**Suspect Interview**

Date: Time: Audiotape: ☐ Videotape: ☒

Statement:

Statement continue: ☐

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Last Name | | First Name | | | Middle Name | | |
| AKA Last Name | | First Name | | | Middle Name | | |
| Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female | Race: | Street Address: | | City: | | State & Zip Code: | |
| Work Phone: | Home Phone: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Armed? ☐ | |
| Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | | Secondary Charge Code: | | Criminal History ☐ | | |

EMT in attendance? ☐ YES ☐ NO Name: ________ Unit: ________ Phone #: ________

EMT's Statement:

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: ________ Coroner Case #: ________ Mental History ☐

By Doctor: ________ Address: ________ Phone #: ________

Doctor's Statement:

Under Influence: ☐ YES ☐ NO Substance: ________ Photos of Suspect's Injuries ☐ YES ☐ NO

**Suspect Interview**

Date: Time: Audiotape: ☐ Videotape: ☐

Statement:

Statement continue: ☐

# Supervisor's Report on Use of Force
# EMPLOY / NON-EMPLOYEE INFOI ATION

URN: 007-01223-5800-144



## Employee Witnesses

| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Davtian | Arakel | None |

Statement: It should be noted that Witness Dr. Davtian is victim # 1 in the crime report.

Statement continue: ☐

| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |

Statement:

Statement continue: ☐

## Non-Employee Witnesses

| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |

| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Work Ph. | Home Ph. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |

Statement:

Statement continue: ☐

| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | |

| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Work Ph. | Home Ph. |
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Statement:

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# Sup visor's Report on Use of orce

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## Supervisor's Review

**Brief Synopsis:**

**Watch Commander Conclusion / Findings / Training Recommendation**

FINDINGS:

CONCLUSIONS:

TRAINING ISSUES:

**Attachments:**

# Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

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### *Method*

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

### *Type of Injury*

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

### *Body Part Injured*

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

| FORCE USED BY | | FORCE USED AGAINST | | Method (Code) | Type of Injury (Code) | Body Part (Code) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Name | E# or S# | Name | E# or S# | | | |
| S/ Johnson, Timothy | S | Dr. Davitian | E | PP | RM | AD |
| S/ Johnson, Timothy | S | Deputy Chavez | E | PP | NN | |
| S/ Johnson, Timothy | S | Deputy Chavez | E | UC | NN | |
| S/ Johnson, Timothy | S | Deputy Chavez | E | RM | NN | |
| S/ Johnson, Timothy | S | Deputy Chavez | E | PK | NN | |
| S/ Johnson, Timothy | S | Deputy Bryant | E | PP | NN | |
| S/ Johnson, Timothy | S | Deputy Bryant | E | RM | NN | |
| S/ Johnson, Timothy | S | Deputy [redacted] | E | PP | NN | |
| S/ Johnson, Timothy | S | Deputy [redacted] | E | RM | NN | |
| S/ Johnson, Timothy | S | Deputy [redacted] | E | PP | NN | |
| S/ Johnson, Timothy | S | Deputy [redacted] | E | RM | NN | |
| S/ Johnson, Timothy | S | Deputy [redacted] | E | PP | NN | |
| S/ Johnson, Timothy | S | Deputy [redacted] | E | RM | NN | |
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| Deputy Chavez | E | S/ Johnson | S | PH | BR | FA |
| Deputy Chavez | E | S/ Johnson | S | PK | NN | |
| Deputy Chavez | E | S/ Johnson | S | TT | NN | |
| Deputy Bryant | E | S/ Johnson | S | TD | NN | |
| Deputy [redacted] | E | S/ Johnson | S | PK | BR | LE |
| Deputy [redacted] | E | S/ Johnson | S | CT | NN | |
| Deputy [redacted] | E | S/ Johnson | S | CT | NN | |
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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
# SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY
## SIGNIFICANT USE OF FORCE

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|---|---|
| **DATE / TIME:** | Thursday, September 27, 2007, 0930 hours |
| **LOCATION:** | Twin Towers Correctional Facility - Tower One, Module # 172<br>450 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA. , 90012 |
| **URN#:** | 007-01223-5800-144 |
| **REFERENCE #** | 5800-2007-0927-009 |
| **IAB#:** | **FO# 2213248** |
| **INMATE:** | **Timothy Johnson**, MB/34, BKG. 9836332 |
| **INJURIES:** | Fracture to the right orbital floor and ramus and a ½" laceration to his lower lip. |
| **FORCE USED:** | Team take-down, (leg sweep) control holds and personal weapons, consisting of fists and kicks. |

**SYNOPSIS**:

On Thursday, September 27, 2007, Inmate Timothy Johnson was waist-chained as he was being interviewed in TTCF, Module 172, by mental health Doctor Arakel Davtian. They were sitting on opposite sides of a desk when Inmate Johnson stood up and attacked Dr. Davtian by attempting to head-butt him. Inmate Johnson missed the doctor and struck a computer monitor instead, causing the monitor to fall over and pushing the desk into Dr. Davtian, pushing him backward.

Deputies Ramon Chavez and Thomas Bryant were monitoring the mental evaluation and immediately intervened by forcing Inmate Johnson to the ground, preventing him from continuing his attack upon Dr. Davtian. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] heard the disturbance and saw Inmate Johnson on the ground trying to kick Deputies Chavez and Bryant. They assisted in subduing Inmate Johnson.

During the incident, Deputy Chavez injured his right hand and wrist, while Deputy Bryant was exposed to blood on his face. Inmate Johnson sustained a fracture to his right orbital floor and ramus.

## INITIAL INVESTIGATION:

On September 27, 2007, at approximately 10: 47 hours, Inmate Johnson was interviewed on video tape by Sergeant Teresa Evers. At approximately 11:25 hours, Inmate Johnson was interviewed by Lt. Cynthia Connor. Both interviews were conducted independent of each other, with Inmate Johnson providing the same information to Sergeant Evers as he provided to Lieutenant Connor.

Inmate Johnson told Sergeant Evers and Lieutenant Connors that he was on the "Psych" line and that the doctor said something. Inmate Johnson said, "I ran my head into his computer. I started banging my head on his desk, because I'm suicidal." Inmate Johnson said that he blanked out and doesn't remember anything else.

Sergeant Evers on camera also interviewed Doctor Davtian and two additional inmates, however there was no sound with the recording. Additionally Sergeant Evers took photographs depicting the injuries to Inmate Johnson and Deputy Chavez and the location of where the altercation took place.

## INVOLVED PERSONNEL: *(All Sworn Personnel are assigned to Custody Operations Division, Twin Towers Correctional Facility)*

**Deputy's Who Used Force**

1. **Deputy Raymond A. Chavez #[redacted]**
2. **Deputy Thomas W. Bryant #[redacted]**
3. **Deputy [redacted] #[redacted]**
4. **Deputy [redacted] #[redacted]**
5. **Deputy [redacted] #[redacted]**

## EMPLOYEE WORK HISTORY:

| | |
|---|---|
| **Deputy Raymond A. Chavez** | # [redacted] |
| Date of Employment | 04-13-2000 |
| Date assigned to TTCF | 08-18-2000 |
| Completed Patrol Training | [redacted] |
| Prior Shooting Incident(s) | |
| Prior Founded Force Incidents | |
| **Deputy Thomas W. Bryant** | #[redacted] |
| Date of Employment | 05-24-2006 |
| Date assigned to TTCF | 09-28-2006 |
| Completed Patrol Training | [redacted] |
| Prior Shooting Incident(s) | |
| Prior Founded Force Incidents | |

**Deputy** [redacted] # [redacted]
Date of Employment 07-01-2003
Date assigned to TTCF 03-11-2005
Completed Patrol Training [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s)
Prior Founded Force Incidents

**Deputy** [redacted] # [redacted]
Date of Employment 04-25-2007
Date assigned to TTCF 08-30-2007
Completed Patrol Training [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s)
Prior Founded Force Incidents

**Deputy** [redacted] # [redacted]
Date of Employment 03-07-2007
Date assigned to TTCF 07-13-2007
Completed Patrol Training [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s)
Prior Founded Force Incidents

**INVOLVED INMATE:**
**Timothy Johnson**, MB/34, 6' 02", 300 lbs., [redacted]

**Booking # 9836332** **C.I.I.** [redacted] **Main #** [redacted] **FBI #** [redacted]
At the time of the incident, Inmate Johnson was in custody for 243(E)(1) P.C. Battery on an Ex-Spouse or Person in a Dating Relationship. [redacted]

A search of Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System (CCHRS) [redacted]

## INMATE STATEMENT:

***The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the video of the interviews conducted by TTCF Lieutenant Connor and Sergeant Evers. All recordings are held at IAB for safekeeping.***

Inmate Johnson said he was talking with the Psychiatrist and that the doctor said something that made him want to hurt the doctor. He said he rammed his head into the doctor's computer, then jumped up and pushed the desk into the doctor. Inmate Johnson said he then started banging his head on the table and that is when he blacked out.

Inmate Johnson said he was suicidal and that the doctor wanted to put him back in general population, which made him mad and that he wanted to hurt the doctor.

## INJURIES:

**Inmate Johnson** sustained a fracture to the right orbital floor and ramus and was treated at LCMC. (Refer to Inmate Injury Report and Photographs, **Exhibit C**)

**Deputy Chavez** sprained his right hand and wrist, which occurred during the time he was punching Inmate Johnson. (Refer to Work Status Reports, **Exhibit G**)

**Deputy Bryant** was exposed to blood on his face. (Refer to Work Status Reports, **Exhibit G**)

## PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:

No physical evidence was collected at the scene and the Crime Lab did not respond to this incident.

## INVESTIGATORS' OBSERVATIONS:

At the time of the Force and Shooting Response Team's arrival, the incident was more than 24 hours old and the scene was no longer being held.

> **IAB NOTE:** The incident had been reported promptly and the mandatory IAB notification was completed. The delay in the roll-out was predicated on the delay in having the X-ray read at LCMC, which indicated that a fracture to the orbit had occurred.

## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR / CHARGES FILED:

Responsibility for the criminal investigation, rests with the Jail Investigative Unit, (JIU). JIU files their cases with the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office or the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. Their policy is that when the offenses are less significant than the imposed prison term, they will not prosecute.

## NON- DEPARTMENT WITNESS:

Doctor Arakel Davtian, Psychiatrist/MD. (Non-Department Member)

Doctor Davtian told Deputy [redacted] that he was conducting a declassification interview with Inmate Johnson, when Johnson , without any warning or provocation, stood up and attempted to head butt him. Doctor Davtian said Inmate Johnson missed him and hit his lap top computer which was on the table. He said Inmate Johnson then pushed the table into him, pushing him back approximately three feet. Doctor Davtian said he then ran out of the room to avoid being further assaulted by Inmate Johnson.

## STATEMENTS OF INVOLVED DEPUTIES:

***The following narrative is intended only as a synopsis of the interview. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the verbatim transcriptions and/or the recorded interviews which are formatted as "Wave Files" and held at IAB for safekeeping.***

### Deputy Raymond A. Chavez

Deputy Chavez was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Sergeants David Flores and Trent Denison on April 16, 2008, at approximately 10:44 hours. The interview took place at the Twin Towers Correctional Facility, with Deputy Chavez declining representation.

Deputy Chavez said that as part of his daily duties he escorts inmates to what the deputies refer to as the "psych line," so they may be evaluated by mental health specialists. He said the inmates are evaluated to find out whether they can be housed at at Central Jail or in the Towers, what their mental health needs are or if they have mental health problems.

He said on the day of the incident, he and his partner (Deputy Thomas Bryant) escorted Inmate Johnson to the psych line. He told Inmate Johnson sit down in a chair in front of the desk so he could talk with mental health Doctor Davtian. Deputy Chavez believes Inmate Johnson had been evaluated a couple times and had seen him come back and forth between facilities.

Deputy Chavez said he thought Doctor Davtian asked Inmate Johnson some questions that Johnson wasn't too happy with. He said Inmate Johnson got mad and basically tried to attack Doctor Davtian. Deputy Chavez said Inmate Johnson stood up and tried to head butt Doctor Davtian. He said because Inmate Johnson was handcuffed and waist chained, with his hands behind his back, he missed Doctor Davtian and head butted the computer.

Deputy Chavez said Inmate Johnson struck with sufficient force to move the desk, pinning Doctor Davtian in between the desk and the pod window. Deputy Chavez said he attempted to grab Inmate Johnson from behind to control him, however Johnson was able to turn around.

> **IAB Note:** Deputy Chavez is 5' 7"and 170 lbs. and Inmate Johnson is 6'02" and 300 pounds.

Deputy Chavez said,

> "He spun on me. He came at me and tried to do the same thing to me. He tried to head butt and kick. I didn't want to get too close you know, he tried to kick me. I didn't want him to spit at me. I didn't you know, I just didn't want to be assaulted like that. So I, when he came at me I started, I hit him in his face. He kept coming at me and then you know, I hit him a couple more times with my fist in the face and then he backed up just a little and then I backed up just a little and it happened so fast and then he came at me again.
>
> So I kept trying to hit him again and then by that time my partner saw what was happening and he tried to grab him from behind and then they started struggling. So I just tripped his feet from underneath him. He fell forward on his face, onto his stomach, and then I put my right knee on his neck to pin him down so he wouldn't move, and at that time he's still trying to bite, spit. I just didn't want to get blood on me or anything like that. So I just kept there until more deputies came."

Deputy Chavez said he believes he punched Inmate Johnson in the face a total of four times. He said he had his O.C spray, but didn't believe it would have been effective against Inmate Thomas, adding that it happened so quickly.

**Deputy Thomas W. Bryant**

Deputy Bryant was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Sergeants David Flores and Trent Denison on April 16, 2008, at approximately 11:37 hours. The interview took place at the Twin Towers Correctional Facility, with Deputy Bryant declining representation.

Deputy Bryant told IAB investigators Inmate Johnson was brought up as a new fish from I.R.C. He said Inmate Johnson was to be interviewed by Mental Health Doctor Davtian and was sitting in front of the doctor's desk. He said Doctor Davtian and Inmate Johnson were having a conversation about previously being de-classed from a lower floor, which is a lower level of care. Deputy Johnson said when the doctor explained that he was going to have to go back to general population (G.P.), Inmate Johnson appeared to become agitated.

Deputy Bryant said he and Deputy Chavez were extra vigilant because Inmate Johnson was such a big individual, approximately 6' 3" and probably weighed well into two hundred pound range.

> **IAB Note:** Inmate Johnson is listed in Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System (CCHRS) as being 6' 02" and weighing 300 pounds.

Deputy Bryant said when the doctor told Inmate Johnson he was still going to have to go back into G.P., Johnson lunged forward at the doctor, striking his head on the doctor's laptop computer screen.

Deputy Bryant said it appeared that Inmate Johnson hit his head on the desk as well, as he used his weight to push the desk into the doctor, pinning the doctor between the desk and the wall.

Deputy Bryant said he saw his partner Deputy Chavez quickly engage Inmate Johnson by trying to grab his left arm. He said he ran up and grabbed Inmate Johnson's right arm and the back of his shirt. He said he put all of his weight onto Inmate Johnson's back and was trying to do a leg sweep. He said Inmate Johnson was kicking wildly and screaming and trying to lunge at his partner.

Deputy Bryant said, the next thing he knew is that he was on Johnson's back and holding on. He said Inmate Johnson was going to the ground and all of his (Deputy Bryant's ) weight was on Johnson. He said Inmate Johnson was kicking and flailing his head around to the left and to the right, screaming.

Deputy Bryant said Inmate Johnson was still kicking and he (Deputy Bryant) was holding onto Johnson's arm. He said he used his hand to grab onto Johnson's shirt and used his shoulder to push down into Johnson's lower back, using all of his weight to keep Inmate Johnson from getting up.

Deputy Bryant said he heard Deputy Chavez tell Inmate Johnson to stop fighting and heard the radio traffic go out, but wasn't sure who put it out. He said after a certain amount of time, Inmate Johnson stopped fighting and said, "Okay, okay, okay." Deputy Bryant said as soon as they got Inmate Johnson under control, he stood up and Deputy [redacted] pointed out that he had blood on his (Deputy Bryant's) face. Deputy Bryant said he didn't strike Inmate Johnson and didn't see the actions of Deputy Chavez and/or the deputies who came to their assistance, due to his position.

**Deputy [redacted]**

Deputy [redacted] was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Sergeants David Flores and Trent Denison on April 16, 2008, at approximately 12:06 hours. The interview took place at the Twin Towers Correctional Facility, with Deputy Chavez declining representation.

Deputy [redacted] said he was working the floor and was responsible for supervising inmates who were out of their cells. He said he heard what sounded like a scuffle and looked over to the A, B, C side. He said he was right next to the door and saw Inmate Johnson on the floor. He said deputies were trying to control him and Inmate Johnson was trying to kick the deputies.

Deputy [redacted] said he immediately ran toward them and ordered Inmate Johnson to stop kicking. He said Inmate Johnson refused and in order to keep the deputies from being injured, he kicked Inmate Johnson approximately three times on the left leg. Deputy [redacted] said he delivered three rapid kicks with the toe of his boot to Inmate Johnson's shins. Deputy [redacted] said at this time, Deputy [redacted] rushed over and controlled Inmate Johnson's legs.

Deputy [redacted] said he did not see the original altercation and that after Deputy [redacted] gained control of Inmate Johnson's legs, Johnson stopped fighting.

**Deputy [redacted]**

Deputy [redacted] was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Sergeants David Flores and Trent Denison on April 16, 2008, at approximately 12: 38 hours. The interview took place at the Twin Towers Correctional Facility, with Deputy Chavez declining representation. At the time of the incident Deputy [redacted] had been out of Jail Operations Training for approximately two weeks.

Deputy [redacted] said he was monitoring inmate haircuts in the open recreational area in front of the control booth. He said he heard what sounded like someone running and keys rattling. He said he looked around the door and saw Inmate Johnson face down on the ground, with deputies on top of him. He said Inmate Johnson was face down, rolling back and forth and kicking with his legs. He said he ran over and put his body weight on Inmate Johnson's back.

He said he was trying to keep from being kicked and that almost immediately Deputy [redacted] arrived and grabbed Inmate Johnson's legs in a bear hug. He said he was able to pull out his radio and call for help.

Deputy [redacted] said,

> "He was surprisingly strong, surprisingly strong. I thought I probably weighed between 150, 160 pounds at that time. So maybe, I don't know, but he was surprisingly strong. His body was moving up and down, you know, despite me being on top of him and it was what was scary. That was, you know I've been on for less than [redacted] or I mean less than a [redacted] and the first time I had to you know, an incident like this happened. So I was pretty scared and I was really surprised by his strength."

Deputy [redacted] said he believed from the time that arrived and the time that Inmate Johnson stopped fighting was less than a minute. Deputy [redacted] said he didn't see any of the deputies punch or kick Inmate Johnson.

**Deputy [redacted] #[redacted]**

Deputy [redacted] was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Sergeants David Flores and Trent Denison on April 16, 2008, at approximately 13:03 hours. The interview took place at the Twin Towers Correctional Facility, with Deputy [redacted] declining representation.

Deputy [redacted] told IAB investigators he was assigned to module # 172 and was supervising inmates who were out on group or program. He said he heard a loud commotion coming from the A, B, C, indoor recreation area and upon hearing the disturbance, he ran through the interior door connecting D.E.F. recreation yard to the A,B,C, side.

Deputy [redacted] said that once he got there, he saw Inmate Johnson on the floor struggling with a couple of deputies. He said went over and grabbed Inmate Johnson's legs with both of his arms,

using a bear hug like control hold of Johnson's legs. Deputy [redacted] said Inmate Johnson was struggling and kicking at the time. Deputy [redacted] said they gave Inmate Johnson verbal commands to stop fighting and after several commands, Johnson stopped struggling.

Deputy [redacted] said it took him approximately five seconds for him to run from the D.E.F. side to the A.B.C. side where the incident took place. He said when he arrived he believed one of the deputies had Inmate Johnson's right arm and the other deputy had a hold of Johnson's left arm. He said Inmate Johnson was handcuffed and in a waist chain. Deputy [redacted] said the struggle lasted approximately twenty seconds and that Inmate Johnson was very strong.

Deputy [redacted] said he didn't strike Inmate Johnson and he didn't see any of the deputies strike Inmate Johnson. He said he was unaware of what caused Inmate Johnson's injuries and he didn't see any blood on the floor.